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Dear Committee Members,

I have been a Pediatrician in the community of the Port Huron area for almost 50 years. I have personally experienced the tragedies of child abuse, usually by caretakers, especially of vulnerable children. Today, because of poverty, family instability etc., many children are also placed in foster care for whom I provide care. I am encouraging passage of the House Bills: 4973, 4974, and 4795 called "Wyatt Laws". These laws would provide increase protection and safety to children by requiring registration of Adults with a history of child abuse.

Tragedy of child abuse is extreme, I have seen premature babies, after release from several months in special care nurseries, be abused by caretaker at home, causing brain damage, cerebral palsy, etc. and prolong need for state sponsored medical care. I again strongly agree the passage of Wyatt's Laws, to protect children.

Sincerely yours,

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